



Information offices of the BBO open in Eagle

On January 1, 2007, according to a law recently passed by Parliament, a sales tax system will be implemented on Aruba. This tax *Belastin op Bedrifsomzetten*, or BBO, is a complex cumulative tax. The consumer will not see it added on to each sale, but it will be built into the final price paid at the store.

To help businesses and consumers understand this new tax structure and use it properly the Department of Financial Affairs opened an office on the Gutenbergstraat where the public and vendors are invited to come to learn to properly implement the new tax and learn how it will affect them.

Located next to Maduro & Sons, the office contains staff that will explain all the intricacies of the tax structure, and provides printed matter for both vendors and consumers in Papiamentu and Dutch. The printed materials explain many things; for example: what is taxable and what is not, and has a section of FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions.)

Ritza Lopez-Hernandez was official spokesperson for the opening on behalf of the tax office, and reported that the new facility will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until noon in the mornings and from 1:30 to 4:00 PM in the afternoons. Information can also be accessed at their new website: www.slad.aw and they can be e-mailed at bbo@slad.aw. If wishing to make an appointment to talk to a tax department representative, call telephone # 586-3598.